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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S EDMONTON SPEECH

FOLLOWING IS CURRENT DRAFT OF SPEECH BEING PREPARED FOR
THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DELIVERY DURING HIS VISIT JANUARY
18.

BEGIN TEXT:

SALUTATIONS AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

1. THANK YOU PREMIER LOUGHEED FOR YOUR VERY KIND REMARKS.

(RECOGNITION OF NOTABLES)

2. I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TODAY, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU

ALL FOR YOUR VERY WARM WELCOME. I BRING YOU GREETINGS

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FROM A FRIEND OF YOURS -- THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

STATES.

3. IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK IN A NORMAL CLIMATE. LAST WEEK

WE GOT 2-1/2 INCHES OF SNOW IN WASHINGTON, AND THE
PRESIDENT ALMOST DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY. AS YOU
KNOW PRESIDENT CARTER WAS BORN AND RAISED IN GEORGIA --
WHERE A WHITE CHRISTMAS MEANS THAT SOMEBODY FORGOT TO
HARVEST THE COTTON.

4. I GREW UP IN MINNESOTA -- WHERE A GOOD DAY IS WHEN
YOU CAN LOOK OUT THE WINDOW IN THE MORNING AND SEE YOUR
CAR. IT USED TO GET SO COLD IN MINNESOTA THAT THE WORDS
WOULD FREEZE ON YOUR LIPS AS SOON AS YOU SPOKE THEM --
AND WE HAD TO WAIT UNTIL SPRING TO FIND OUT WHAT PEOPLE
WERE TALKING ABOUT. YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT A SHOCK IT WAS
WHEN I MOVED TO WASHINGTON AND DISCOVERED THAT THINGS
ARE LIKE THAT ALL YEAR ROUND.

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LOUGHEED AND ALBERTA

5.
I WANT TO THANK YOUR DISTINGUISHED PREMIER FOR HIS
GENEROUS INTRODUCTION. PETER LOUGHEED IS KNOWN AND
WIDELY RESPECTED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- FOR HIS ENERGY
AND DECISIVENESS, HIS BRILLIANT FISCAL MANAGEMENT, AND
HIS UNSHAKEABLE COMMITMENT TO THE EDMONTON ESKIMOS. PETER
WAS AN EARLY AND OUTSPOKEN SUPPORTER OF THE ALCAN PIPELINE
PROJECT. HE'S WORKED TO MAKE AVAILABLE SHORT-TERM SUPPLIES
OF NATURAL GAS AT TIMES WHEN MY COUNTRY'S NEEDED IT THE
MOST. HE'S OPENED NEW INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN
ALBERTA FOR BOTH AMERICAN AND CANADIAN BUSINESSES, AND

THEREBY FOSTERED GROWTH AND PROGRESS ON BOTH SIDES OF
THE BORDER. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR
HIS HELP AND FRIENDSHIP.

6. AND IT'S A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO VISIT WITH YOU HERE IN
ALBERTA, WHICH IN SO MANY WAYS IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
RICHNESS AND DIVERSITY OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY, AND OF ITS
CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. YOU CAN SEE
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THAT IN THE VARIED AND COMPLEX TRADE PATTERNS JUST BETWEEN
ALBERTA AND THE NORTHWEST UNITED STATES -- IN OIL AND
GAS, AND CATTLE AND WHEAT. YOU CAN SEE IT IN THE
BREATHTAKING NATURAL BEAUTY OF THIS PROVINCE -- FROM THE
FLAT, RICH LANDS OF ELK ISLAND AND PEACE RIVER TO THE
PEAKS AND MEADOWS OF THE MOUNTAIN REGIONS AND THE
BEAUTIFUL SLOPES AT LAKE LOUISE. AND YOU CAN SEE IT IN
THE SPIRIT AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN
THIS PROVINCE, SUCH IS SO CHARACTERISTIC OF THE GREAT
STRENGTH OF CANADA'S FEDERAL SYSTEM.

WFM AND CANADA

7. SO IN MANY WAYS, AS I MEET WITH YOU TODAY, I FEEL AS
IF I'M SPEAKING WITH ALL THE CANADIAN PEOPLE. AND THAT'S
A GOOD FEELING, BECAUSE I HAVE A SPECIAL LOVE FOR THIS
COUNTRY. I'VE BEEN COMING HERE TO FISH FOR FIFTEEN YEARS
NOW, MOSTLY IN THE LAKES AROUND FORT FRANCIS AND KENORA.

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AND I'VE NEVER FAILED TO MARVEL AT THE GLOFY OF NATURE IN
THIS COUNTRY, OR TO APPRECIATE THE KINDNESS OF ITS PEOPLE.

8. I WAS HERE IN 1975 AS A MEMBER OF A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE. I MET AT THE TIME WITH PRIME
MINISTER TRUDEAU, AND I FELT THAT SAME PERSONAL RESPECT
AND AFFECTION WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER FELT SO STRONGLY WHEN
THE TWO FIRST MET A YEAR AGO. THROUGHOUT MY PUBLIC LIFE,
I'VE TRIED TO EMPHASIZE THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF THE
CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND CANADA. AND I'VE BEEN PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF A NEW
ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON WHICH HAS JOINED WITH YOUR
LEADERS TO RENEW OUR FRIENDSHIP AT A LEVEL OF BALANCE
AND MATURITY WHICH IS UNPARALLELED IN OUR COMMON HISTORY.
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN U.S. AND CANADA

9. ALMOST A YEAR AGO TODAY, PRESIDENT CARTER STOOD BEFORE
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE FIRST TIME AS THEIR HIGHEST
OFFICIAL. AND HE PROCLAIMED TO ALL THE WORLD A "NEW
SPIRIT" IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATIONS, DRIVEN NOT

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BY THE DOMINANCE OF POWER POLITICS, BUT BY A DEEP RESPECT
AND DEFERENCE FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF
EVERY NATION ON EARTH.

10. THE VERY FOUNDATION OF THAT POLICY HAS BEEN THE

REAFFIRMANCE OF AMERICA'S LONGSTANDING FRIENDSHIP WITH ITS
NEIGHBORS TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH. THE FIRST TWO HEADS
OF GOVERNMENT WITH WHOM THE PRESIDENT MET -- ONLY A MONTH
AFTER HE TOOK OFFICE -- WERE PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AND
PRESIDENT PORTILLO OF MEXICO. OUR FIRST FORMAL INITIATIVE
IN FOREIGN POLICY -- A LEGACY OF FIVE AMERICAN PRESIDENTS
-- WAS THE VITAL EFFORT TO SECURE AGREEMENT ON THE PANAMA
CANAL TREATIES. AND WHEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT
TORILLOS SIGNED THOSE TREATIES IN SEPTEMBER, PRIME
MINISTER TRUDEAU WAS THERE WITH THEM, TOGETHER WITH
LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS -- AFFIRMING THE ALLEGIANCE OF ALL
OUR PEOPLE TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF EVERY NATION.

11. THESE WERE NOT THE MERE FORMALITIES OF ACQUAINTANCE
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BETWEEN WORLD LEADERS. THEY WERE NOT THE MERE TRAPPINGS
OF A STANDARD AGENDA. THEY WERE AN UNMISTAKABLE SYMBOL
OF A NEW SPIRIT IN THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR NATIONS --
AND A NEW COMMITMENT TO JOIN TOGETHER AS EQUAL PARTNERS
IN DEFIANCE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH CHALLENGE OUR GROWTH
AND PROGRESS IN THIS HEMISPHERE.

12. IN TWELVE SHORT MONTHS WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MORE THAN
ANY OF US COULD HAVE IMAGINED. WE HAVE DRAWN FAR CLOSER
TO EACH OTHER AND TO OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS, NOT IN THE
DOMINANCE OF POWER, BUT IN THE MUTUAL RESPECT OF SOVEREIGN
NATIONS. WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN STRENGTHENING OUR

TRADING RELATIONSHIP, IN CONFRONTING THE CRISIS IN
ENERGY, AND IN PROCLAIMING TOGETHER THE CAUSE OF HUMAN
RIGHTS AND JUSTICE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. LEADERS AT
EVERY LEVEL OF OUR SOCIETIES -- IN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS,
COMMERCE AND CULTURE -- ARE TALKING TOGETHER AND LEARNING
TOGETHER AND WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF BOTH
NATIONS. THREE AMERICAN CABINET MEMBERS HAVE TRAVELED TO
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CANADA, TO CONTINUE THE TASK OF FACING AND SOLVING OUR
COMMON PROBLEMS. FOUR OF YOUR MINISTERS HAVE MADE THE
JOURNEY SOUTH FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. AND NOW, AS WE BEGIN
OUR SECOND YEAR, I HAVE COME TO CANADA TO LEAVE NO DOUBT
IN ANY MIND THAT THE COURSE WHICH WE HAVE TAKEN TOGETHER
SO SUCCESSFULLY IS THE COURSE WHICH WE SHALL FOLLOW IN
THE YEARS AHEAD.

13. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT POWER AND SIZE
DO NOT CONFER A MONOPOLY ON WISDOM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE
LEADERS OF EVERY NATION -- AND ESPECIALLY OF OUR CLOSEST
ALLIES -- HAVE THE RIGHT AND THE OBLIGATION TO SPEAK THE
MINDS OF THEIR PEOPLE. WE HAVE LEARNED TO LISTEN.

14. AND IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE TO ANY NATION THAT
WE HAVE LISTENED FIRST AND HARDEST TO THE PEOPLE AND THE
LEADERS OF CANADA. WE SHARE A COMMON HISTORY WHICH MEAS-
URES FAR MORE THAN JUST THE PASSAGE OF TIME. IT IS THE
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HISTORY OF AN EXPERIMENT IN FREEDOM ON THIS CONTINENT --

AND OF A MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO RESPECT DIVERSITY AND

DIFFERENCE. OURS ARE PERHAPS THE ONLY TWO NATIONS ON

EARTH WHICH ARE NATIONS NOT BECAUSE OF A COMMON CULTURE,

BUT BECAUSE OF A COMMON COMMITMENT TO A SINGLE IDEAL --

THE SUPREMACY OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

15. WE SHARE A COMMON BORDER WHICH STRETCHES MORE THAN

FIVE-THOUSAND MILES. BUT NO WIRE MARKS IT. NO GUNS OR

SOLDIERS GUARD IT. NO PASSPORTS PROTECT IT. IT IS WHAT

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT CALLED THE NOBLEST MONUMENT TO PEACE.

CANADIANS CROSS IT THIRTY-FIVE MILLION TIMES A YEAR, AND

AN EQUAL NUMBER OF AMERICANS MAKE THE JOURNEY NORTH.

THEY COME TO VISIT FRIENDS AND FAMILIES ACROSS THE BORDER

... TO SEE THE MATCHLESS BEAUTY OF THE NORTHERN COUNTRY-

SIDE ... AND TO TASTE A FOREIGN CULTURE AS DIFFERENT

AND EXCITING AS IT IS FRIENDLY. AND THE PASSAGE OF OUR

PEOPLE IS ONLY ONE COMPONENT OF THE COUNTLESS AND

COMPLEX INTERACTIONS WHICH ARE THE FABRIC OF OUR RELATION-

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SHIP. THE LEVEL AND COMPLEXITY OF INTERCHANGE IS ALMOST

TOO STAGGERING TO COMPREHEND. WE SHARE BY FAR THE LARGEST

TIDE OF TRADE BETWEEN ANY TWO NATIONS ON EARTH. WE SHARE

WHAT DOM JAMIESON HAS CALLED "A NETWORK OF CONTACTS AND

COMMUNICATIONS WHICH EXCEEDS THAT OF ANY (OTHER COUNTRIES)." WE SHARE AN INTIMATE DAILY ASSOCIATION AT EVERY LEVEL OF SOCIETY -- NOT ONLY IN GOVERNMENT, BUT IN BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, IN THE ARTS AND CULTURE, AND IN THE MYRIAD AVENUES OF MODERN COMMUNICATIONS.

16. THESE ARE MORE THAN JUST THE ATTRIBUTES OF ALLIANCE. THEY ARE THE HALLMARKS OF PARTNERSHIP. AND THEY HAVE SERVED US WELL. WE HAVE BUILT TOGETHER ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT TRANSPORTATION AND POWER-GENERATING SYSTEMS, IN THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY. WE HAVE AFFIRMED A MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO PRESERVE OUR COMMON ENVIRONMENT, BY CONCEIVING AND MAINTAINING THE WORLD'S OLDEST BILATERAL TRIBUNAL -- THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION. WE HAVE BROUGHT A NEW

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LEVEL OF INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AND STABILITY TO BOTH NATIONS, THROUGH THE AUTO PACT OF 1965. AND AS PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU TOLD THE CONGRESS LAST YEAR, WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER TO CREATE ORIGINAL TECHNIQUES OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE, OF AIR AND SEA TRAFFIC CONTROL, AND OF TRANSPORTING PEOPLE, GOODS AND SERVICES.

FUTURE PROBLEMS -- CONTINENTAL

17. THESE PROGRAMS WERE BORN IN THE FRIENDSHIP OF TWO NATIONS SHARING COMMON GOALS. AND THAT FRIENDSHIP IS THE SOURCE OF OUR FUTURE ON THIS CONTINENT. OF COURSE

WE WILL NOT ALWAYS AGREE. WE WILL NOT ALWAYS REACH
ACCOMMODATION. WE ARE SOVEREIGN NATIONS, AND OUR FIRST
ALLEGIANCE IS TO OUR OWN PEOPLE. BUT BY WORKING TOGETHER
-- IN A NEW SPIRIT OF EQUAL PARTNERSHIP -- WE CAN FACE
AND SOLVE THE PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT US MOST DIRECTLY AS
NEIGHBORS.

-- ENERGY
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18. TOGETHER, WE FACE AN ENERGY CRISIS WHICH IS BLEEDING
THE UNITED STATES OF \$45 BILLION A YEAR IN THE COST OF
IMPORTING FOREIGN OIL, AND WHICH HAS BROUGHT TO CANADA
THE FIRST OIL TRADE DEFICIT IN OVER A DECADE. WE NEED
THAT MONEY HERE AT HOME, TO BUILD SCHOOLS AND HOUSING
AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. WE NEED THE DEDICATION
AND COMMITMENT OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO KEEP IT HERE. AND
HERE, AS IN SO MANY OTHER AREAS, EVERY NATION CAN PROFIT
FROM THE COURAGE AND THE VISION OF THE CANADIAN PEOPLE.
WHEN THE CONCEPT OF AN ENERGY CRISIS WAS CONFINED TO
CHARTS AND BLACKBOARDS, YOUR LEADERS HAD SEEN THE WRITING
ON THEIR OWN WALLS. YOU'VE ALREADY INAUGURATED A HOME
INSULATION PROGRAM, A GRADUATED TAX ON GAS GUZZLING
AUTOMOBILES, AND A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR CONSERVING
EXISTING RESOURCES AND DEVELOPING NEW ONES.

19. IN THE U.S. PRESIDENT CARTER SAW THE HANDWRITING TOO.

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HE SUMMONED THE COURAGE TO MAKE ENERGY AN ISSUE NOT IN THE MIDST OF CRISIS, BUT IN TIME ENOUGH TO PREVENT A CRISIS. HE IS PLEDGED TO REDUCE AMERICAN RELIANCE ON ALL EXTERNAL SOURCES OF ENERGY. BUT STILL THE SHAPE OF OUR PROGRAM AWAITS THE OUTCOME OF LEGISLATIVE BARGAINING -- AND STILL WE GROW MORE DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN SOURCES HALF A WORLD AWAY.

20. WE WILL HAVE OUR PROGRAM. BUT WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT THE PROBLEMS OF ENERGY HAVE NO RESPECT FOR NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. THEY CHALLENGE US AS A REGION, AND A CONTINENT, AND AS MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY. AND WE MUST ANSWER THE CHALLENGE TOGETHER -- AS FRIENDS AND PARTNERS. THERE'S AN OLD SAYING THAT A GOOD NEIGHBOR DOUBLES THE VALUE OF A HOUSE, AND THE SAME IS TRUE OF COUNTRIES. OUR GAS PIPELINE AGREEMENT IS STRIKING EVIDENCE OF THE POWER AND POTENTIAL OF OUR PARTNERSHIP. IT PROMISES TO SAVE BOTH COUNTRIES BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN COMPARISON WITH INDEPENDENT ALTERNATIVES. AND WE CAN BOTH PROFIT FROM

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THE NEW RECIPROCAL ELECTRICITY ARRANGEMENTS, FROM OIL SWAPS TO COMPENSATE FOR REGIONAL DISLOCATIONS, AND FROM THE SAFE AND CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. WE CAN COORDINATE OUR DELIBERATIONS -- IN THE CONFIDENCE

OF FRIENDSHIP -- TO REACH AN OIL TRANSPORTATION SOLUTION
WHICH WILL MOVE ALASKAN NORTH SLOPE CRUDE TO MID-CONTINENT
AND INSURE ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR BRINGING OIL INTO
CANADA. AND WE CAN JOIN TOGETHER IN MULTI-LATERAL INITIATIVES WHICH ADDRESS THE ENERGY SHORTAGE AS THE TRULY
GLOBAL PROBLEM THAT IT IS.

-- ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND TRADE

21. WE CAN ALSO JOIN FORCES IN A GENERAL EFFORT TO INSURE
THE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF OUR ECONOMIES. FULL EMPLOYMENT HERE WOULD CREATE 150,000 NEW JOBS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND FULL EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATES WOULD CREATE 200,000 NEW JOBS HERE. SO BOTH NATIONS ARE TANGIBLY
DEPENDENT ON OUR COMMON FUTURE.
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22. AND WE CAN HELP TO SHAPE THAT FUTURE BY WORKING TOGETHER, NOT ONLY FOR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, BUT FOR GROWTH
AND PROGRESS ACROSS THE BOARD. WE SELL EACH OTHER \$50
BILLION WORTH OF GOODS AND SERVICES EVERY YEAR, AND WE
CAN BOTH PROFIT FROM LOWER PRICES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
FAR MORE THAN INTERNAL DOMESTIC PROGRESS, IT IS INTERNATIONAL TRADE WHICH HAS FUELED THE WORLD'S ECONOMY IN
THE LAST THIRTY YEARS -- DRIVING WORLDWIDE EFFORTS IN INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT. WE UNDERSTAND
THAT TARIFF BARRIERS CAN ONLY FOSTER MORE DEFICITS AND
MORE INFLATION AND MORE UNEMPLOYMENT. AND WE ARE PLEDGED

TO RESIST WITH ALL OUR POWERS A RETRENCHMENT TO
PROTECTIONISM.

23. THAT IS THE SPIRIT WHICH MUST BRING OUR NATIONS TO
THE LATEST ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN
GENEVA. CANADA WILL BE A FULL NEGOTIATING MEMBER OF THE
TARIFF-CUTTING SESSIONS, AND WE CAN STAND TOGETHER -- AS
SOVEREIGN ENTITIES -- IN PURSUIT OF GREATER TRUST AND
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FREER TRADE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE CAN SET THE STAN-
DARD FOR THAT EFFORT, BY SITTING DOWN FOR SERIOUS BI-
LATERAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT OUR OWN TRADING RELATIONSHIP.
TWO-THIRDS OF OUR EXCHANGE IS ALREADY DUTY-FREE, AND
NOW WE MUST BEGIN THE EFFORT TO REDUCE TARIFFS ON A GOOD
NUMBER OF THE MANY LOW-DUTY ITEMS WHICH CROSS OUR BORDER
EVERY DAY.

24. I REMEMBER BACK IN 1974, WHEN THE SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE WAS HOLDING HEARINGS ON OUR TRADE ACT. WE
WERE IN THE PROCESS THEN OF CHOOSING A DELEGATION FOR
THAT YEAR'S TOKYO ROUND IN GENEVA. AND THE TALK OF THE
HEARINGS WAS THAT WE'D BETTER GET SOME SHARP NEGOTIATORS,
BECAUSE IF WE DIDN'T RODNEY GREY AND HIS BRILLIANT TEAM
WOULD WALK AWAY WITH HALF OF EUROPE. RODNEY IS STILL
PROVIDING TOUGH AND ABLE LEADERSHIP ON BEHALF OF CANADA,
AND BOB STRAUSS WILL BE JOINING HIM IN SWITZERLAND, READY
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TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON THE CRUCIAL MULTILATERAL
ISSUES WHICH CONFRONT US IN THIS YEAR'S ROUND.

25. WE CAN START BY ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE
ENFORCEMENT OF VITAL IMPORT PRODUCT SAFETY STANDARDS.
THE U.S. AND CANADA HAVE BEEN THE LEADING EXPONENTS OF A
STANDARDS CODE -- TO BRING OUR OWN SUPPORT FOR CONSUMER
PROTECTION TO THE QUALITY OF PRODUCTS WHICH CROSS OUR
BORDERS. TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THAT COMMITMENT AN INTER-
NATIONAL REALITY. AND EVEN AS WE WORK TO LIBERALIZE
PREVAILING TRADING PRACTICES IN INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE,
WE MUST CONTINUE TO DEVISE OTHER NON-TARIFF MEASURES FOR
INSURING THE INTERNAL ECONOMIC STRENGTH OF ALL OUR TRADING
PARTNERS. OUR RECENT EXTENSION OF THE MULTI-FIBRE
AGREEMENT IS A GOOD START. AND THE NEXT STEP IS TO DEVELOP
AN EQUITABLE AND UNIVERSAL SYSTEM FOR RESPONDING TO THE
UNFAIR PRACTICES OF EXPORT SUBSIDY AND FAVORITISM IN
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT. WE STAND TOGETHER ON THESE
ISSUES -- IN OPPOSITION TO ANY POLICY WHICH GIVES ANY

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COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE AN UNFAIR TRADING ADVANTAGE.

26. AND THE U.S. ALSO STANDS WITH CANADA -- NOT ONLY AT
GENEVA, BUT ALSO IN THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL IN
LONDON -- IN SUPPORT OF GREATER ACCESS TO WORLD GRAIN

MARKETS. THIS PROVINCE HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN THOSE
EFFORTS -- AND AS THE WORLD'S FOREMOST GRAIN EXPORTERS, OUR
TWO COUNTRIES ARE WORKING IN LONDON TO ACHIEVE TRADE
LIBERALIZATION, PRICE STABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY. THAT
WILL BRING MORE CERTAINTY AND GROWTH TO OUR MARKETS, BUT
MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT WILL BETTER ASSURE RELIABLE GRAIN
SUPPLIES, AT REASONABLE PRICES, TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
WHICH NEED THAT GRAIN THE MOST.

27. IN ALL OF THESE ENDEAVORS, THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS
IS NOT ONLY THE HARD WORK OF OUR LEADERS OR THE RIGHTNESS
OF THEIR POSITIONS. IT IS JUST AS MUCH THE SPIRIT OF
FRIENDSHIP AND COMMON PURPOSE WHICH MOTIVATES OUR UNITED
EFFORTS. AND EVERY TIME WE REACH AN AGREEMENT -- EVERY
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TIME WE EFFECT A SOLUTION -- WE ARE PARTAKING OF A PROC-
ESS WHICH TRANSCENDS THE ISSUES WITH WHICH WE DEAL.
WE ARE PROCLAIMING THE STRENGTH AND SUCCESS OF INDUSTRIAL
DEMOCRACY. AND WE ARE RAISING THE FOUNDATIONS OF A
STABLE AND SECURE WORLD ORDER -- A SYSTEM OF INTELLIGENT
INTERACTION BETWEEN NATIONS WHICH IS THE BEST HOPE WE
HAVE FOR A TRULY LASTING PEACE.

-- FUTURE PROBLEMS

28. IN THE ECONOMIC COUNCILS OF NATIONS, AND IN OUR
LIFE TOGETHER ON THIS CONTINENT, WE ARE FRIENDS AND
PARTNERS. THE PROBLEMS WHICH WE FACE DO NOT CONFOUND US,

BECAUSE WE WELCOME THE CHANCE TO BRING OUR FELLOWSHIP
TO THEIR SOLUTION.

29. YOUR CITIZENS KEEP A CAREFUL EYE ON THE LEVEL OF
AMERICAN COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT IN THE CANADIAN ECONOMY.
MY COUNTRY IS TROUBLED BY TAX RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON
THE ABILITY OF CANADIAN BUSINESSES TO ADVERTISE ON
AMERICAN TELEVISION. YOUR BUSINESSES ARE EQUALLY TROUBLED
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BY THE AMERICAN TAX LIMIT ON THE ATTENDANCE OF OUR
CITIZENS AT CONVENTIONS HELD IN CANADA. AND BOTH OF OUR
NATIONS ARE CONCERNED WITH DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US IN
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AUTO PACT -- EVEN AS WE RE-
COGNIZE ITS INDISPUTABLE SUCCESS IN RAISING OUR TRADE
IN AUTOS AND PARTS FROM A BILLION DOLLARS IN 1965 TO
\$17 BILLION IN 1976.

30. THESE ARE ALL IMPORTANT PROBLEMS. THEY DEMAND OUR
CAREFUL ATTENTION. AND I WOULD NEVER ATTEMPT TO DENIGRATE
THE NECESSITY OF THEIR PROMPT RESOLUTION. BUT IF THESE
PROBLEMS CONSTITUTE THE MOST PRESSING DIFFICULTIES
BETWEEN US, THEN WE ARE DOING VERY WELL INDEED.

31. WE WILL RESOLVE THESE QUESTIONS. WE HAVE THE BASIC
BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IN WHICH TO DO SO. IT ALLOWED
US TO NEGOTIATE THE GAS PIPELINE AGREEMENT IN RECORD
TIME. IT FOSTERED MAJOR REVISIONS IN THE TOLL STRUCTURE
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OF THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY. IT'S BROUGHT US GOOD PROGRESS IN RESTORING THE BEAUTY AND UTILITY OF THE GREAT LAKES. IT'S PRODUCED ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONCEPT OF JOINT MANAGEMENT OF SOME OF OUR FISHING STOCKS. IT PROMISES THE HOPE OF A PROMPT DETERMINATION OF OUR FOUR SEAWARD BOUNDARIES, WHICH WILL MAINTAIN FISHING PATTERNS WITHOUT DISRUPTING OPERATIONS ON EITHER SIDE. AND THE STRUCTURE OF THAT RELATIONSHIP STANDS READY DAY TO DAY -- TO ABSORB OUR DISAGREEMENTS AND TO TURN THEM INTO PROGRAMS AND POLICIES WHICH WILL SERVE US BOTH .

FOREIGN POLICY

32. WE IN TURN MUST CONTINUE TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE CAN NEVER RETREAT TO THE INSULAR COMFORT OF OUR MUTUAL RESIDENCE ON THIS CONTINENT. WE ARE BLESSED WITH MATCHLESS HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES, AND THEIR MERE POSSESSION COMPELS US TO JOIN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST POVERTY AND HELPLESSNESS WHEREVER THEY EXIST. WE ARE

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BLESSED WITH FREEDOM, AND ITS VERY EXISTENCE COMPELS US TO RAISE OUR VOICES AGAINST TYRANNY AND OPPRESSION WHEREVER WE SEE THEM.

33. WE HAVE BUILT THE WEAPONS AND THE STRUCTURE FOR DE-

FENDING THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, AND WE MUST NEVER LOSE
SIGHT OF WHAT IT IS WE DEFEND. WE MUST JOIN TOGETHER
IN A NEW SPIRIT OF DEDICATION TO HELPING OUR SOUTHERN
NEIGHBORS IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIVES. CANADIAN
EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN A
MODEL OF HUMANITARIAN COMMITMENT FOR EVERY NATION.
THEY MUST BE MATCHED BY MULTILATERAL PARTICIPATION
NOT ONLY IN THE CARIBBEAN BUT THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA --
TO PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE WHICH
ARE THE SOURCE OF HOPE AND PROGRESS. YOUR COUNTRY'S
RECENT PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSULTIVE GROUP FOR THE
CARIBBEAN WAS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THAT INTER-
AMERICAN EFFORT, AND IT SIGNALS A NEW ERA OF PRODUCTIVE
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MULTILATERAL PARTICIPATION IN LATIN AMERICA.

34. WE HAVE ALSO HELPED TO BUILD THE STRUCTURES FOR
DEFENDING AND PURSUING PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD -- AND
CANADA'S CONTINUING INVOLVEMENT IN NORAD AND NATO AND
THE UNITED NATIONS ARE A TRIBUTE TO THE VITAL PRINCIPLES
FOR WHICH THEY STAND. WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER TO REDUCE
THE TENSIONS BETWEEN NATIONS, AND THE ASSEMBLAGE OF ARMS
WHICH ACCOMPANIES THEM. WE HAVE WORKED TO ACHIEVE
INDEPENDENCE AND FREE ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA, AND TO
PROMOTE PEACEFUL CHANGE THOUGHOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA.
WE HAVE WORKED TO KEEP ALIVE THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE

BEGUN IN PARIS, AND THE EFFORT TO BRIDGE THE GAP

BETWEEN RICH NATIONS AND POOR.

35. IN ALL OF THESE ENDEAVORS, WE ARE GUIDED BY A

COMMON AND OVERRIDING COMMITMENT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS

AND HUMAN DIGNITY OF THE PEOPLE OF EVERY NATION.

WE HAVE COME TO DEFINE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER

COUNTRIES -- IN TRADE AND ARMS NEGOTIATIONS AND IN
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INTERNATIONAL FORUMS -- NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF SELF-

INTEREST, BUT IN RESPONSE TO THE CONCERN OF THOSE

COUNTRIES FOR THE NEEDS AND RIGHTS OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE.

CONCLUSIONS

36. FOR THE PEOPLE OF CANADA, THAT POSTURE IS THE

NATURAL LEGACY OF A HERITAGE IN PURSUIT OF HUMAN

RIGHTS WHICH IS LITERALLY UNPARALLELED IN OUR HISTORY.

AND FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THAT HERITAGE IS BY FAR

THE STRONGEST SOURCE OF OUR LOVE AND RESPECT FOR

CANADIANS. IT WAS PRESIDENT CARTER WHO POINTED OUT

THE STRIKING RESULTS OF A RECENT GALLUP POLL, WHICH

ASKED AMERICANS TO LIST THE NATIONS FOR WHICH THEY

HAD THE GREATEST AFFECTION AND RESPECT. AS MIGHT

BE EXPECTED, 95 NAMED THE UNITED STATES. BUT 91

NAMED CANADA -- AND THAT OVERWHELMING ENDORSEMENT IS

THE PRODUCT OF MORE THAN GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY OR

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ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE.

37. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE SEEN THEIR NEIGHBOR MAIN-
TAIN ADHERENCE TO ONE OF THE OLDEST WRITTEN CONSTITUTIONS
IN THE HISTORY OF HUMANKIND. THEY HAVE SEEN A NATION
WHICH FOR THIRTY YEARS HAS REFUSED TO USE ITS WEALTH
AND TECHNOLOGY FOR BUILDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT
INSTEAD HAS PARTICIPATED IN EVERY UNITED NATIONS PEACE-
KEEPING OPERATION SINCE WORLD WAR II. THEY HAVE
SEEN YOUR NATION DEVOTE A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF ITS
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT TO AIDING THRID-WORLD COUNTRIES
THAN ANY OTHER NATION ON EARTH. THEY HAVE SEEN YOUR
BORDERS OPENED TO THE HOMELESS AND THE DISSIDENT FROM
EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE. DURING AMERICA'S INVOLVEMENT
IN VIETMAN, THAT MIGRATION INCLUDED THOUSANDS OF YOUNG
PEOPLE FROM THE U.S. -- AND EVEN THOSE PARENTS WHO
DISAGREED MOST STRONGLY WITH THAT ACTION BREATHED A
PRIVATE SIGH OF RELIEF THAT THEIR CHILDREN WERE IN
GOOD HANDS.

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38. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN VERY GRATEFUL FOR
THE WILLINGNESS OF YOUR COUNTRY TO EXPORT PRECIOUS
NATURAL GAS DURING OUR SEVEREST WINTER SHORTAGES.
THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN DEEPLY TOUCHED BY YOUR BEAUTIFUL

AND PRECIOUS BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO OUR NATION -- THE
PICTORIAL REPRESENTATION OF OUR PEOPLES AND OUR COMMON
LAND -- "ENTRE AMIS." AND WE HAVE FELT THE CLOSEST
BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP IN WATCHING A PROUD AND FREE
REPUBLIC STRIVING TO MAINTAIN ITS PLEDGE TO HONOR
CULTURAL AND INDIVIDUAL DIVERSITY -- IN THE FACE OF
DIFFERENCES AND DISAGREEMENTS WHICH DIVERSITY NECESSARILY
ENTAILS. IN THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS OF ITS HISTORY,
MY COUNTRY FOUND THE STRAINS OF DIFFERENCE TOO GREAT
TO BEAR -- AND RECAPTURED ITS IDENTITY ONLY IN THE
CLASH OF REGION AGAINST REGION. YOUR COUNTRY HAS
TRAVELED A FAR GREATER DISTANCE IN ITS FIRST HUNDRED
YEARS. PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU HAS SAID THAT CANADA
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STANDS TODAY ON THE VERGE OF GREATNESS. BY THE MEASURE
OF WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE FELT AND SEEN IN THEIR
NEIGHBOR, THAT IS A MODEST APPRAISAL. BY THE MEASURES
OF WISDOM, AND HUMANITY, AND LOVE OF FREEDOM, THERE IS
NO NATION ON EARTH WHICH IS GREATER THAN CANADA. WE
ARE PROUD TO BE YOUR FRIEND AND PARTNER. THANK YOU
VERY MUCH.

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